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INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 SCCT-01 OMB-01 SAM-01 EB-07 DOTE-00 /084 W
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R 301415Z MAY 75

FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6642
INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MASERU
AMEMBASSY MBABANE
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, RH

SUBJECT: ATTEMPT TO MINE RHODESIAN RAILWAY NEAR BOTSWANA BORDER

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. BULAWAYO CHRONICLE OF MAY 28 CARRIES FRONTPAGE STORY HEADLINED "EXPLOSIVE FOUND ON RAIL LINE NEAR BULAWAYO". SUBSTANCE OF STORY IS REPORT THAT AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DISCOVERED ON THE MAIN RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN BULAWAYO AND THE BOTSWAN BORDER ABOUT FIFTEEN KILOMETERS FROM BULAWAYO ON MAY 27. STORY QUOTES A RHODESIA RAILWAY STATEMENT AS SAYING "THE DEVICE WAS PLACED ON AN OPEN LINE BETWEEN UMGANIN AND KHAMI... NO TRAINS WERE INVOLVED. PASSENGER TRAINS FROM THE SOUTH AND TO THE SOUTH WERE HELD FOR A SHORT PERIOD BUT WERE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE." ACCORDING TO THE STORY, IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE DEVICE EXPLODED OR WHETHER

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ANY DAMAGE WAS CAUSED.

2. SUBSTANCE OF STORY WAS BROADCAST OVER RADIO BOTSWANA
MAY 30 AND ALSO APPEARED IN THE MAY 28 ISSUE OF THE RAND DAILY
MAIL.
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Message Attributes

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